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The Northfield Schools Graduate Large Class; 177 At Mount Hermon, 148 At The Seminary; Many Guests Here, Fine Weather and Sunshine

Fair skies and sunshine prevailed during the commencement period for the graduates of both the Seminary and Mount Hermon school the past weekend. Beginning Thursday of last week events crowded in swift succession, and thousands came to Northfield to participate or witness the spectacular schedule. At the Seminary, the last chapel service was held last Thursday afternoon, followed by the alumnae gathering and parade, the luncheon and business session; the art and home economics exhibit; the swimming exhibition; the meeting of the Students Aid society and the joint concert of the Seminary and Hermon Glee clubs. On Sunday morning was the communion service in the chapel, with the baccalaureate service in the auditorium addressed by President William E. Park. There was an alumnae service on Round Top in the late afternoon, an "Hour of music" in the evening in Sage chapel, and at its close the historic lantern service on the slope in front of the chapel. Monday morning was the commencement, starting with its parade of faculty and seniors, an address by Rev. James T. Cleland and the presentation of certificates and diplomas.

At Mount Hermon, last Friday the seniors, held their farewell supper in social hall followed by a showing of pictures in Camp hall. On Saturday, was held the class day exercises, followed in the evening by the joint concert with the Seminary in the auditorium at East Northfield. Sunday, the baccalaureate sermon was by the Headmaster, Dr. David R. Porter in Memorial chapel. The faculty reception was in the afternoon at Ford cottage on the lawn and in the evening was given an "Hour of music" in the chapel. Monday morning the commencement exercises were in the chapel with the address by the Rev. Mr. Cleland. The diplomas were given out to the graduates and thus ended the 55th annual commencement of Mount Hermon school and the 58th commencement at the Seminary.

Alumnae Gather

Alumnae day at the Seminary was celebrated Saturday with 400 returning alumnae from many parts of the country. At noon the colorful alumnae parade was led by the class of 1886, made up of Sarah Harlow of Yonkers and Josephine Alexander Webster of Northfield. Then followed the class of 1891, which is celebrating its 50th reunion.

The parade marshal was Barbara Starbuck Gilman, '34, of Chicago. The parade led through a double line of seniors singing the traditional welcome song, "Hail All Ye Sisters to Northfield Returning." The start of the parade was at the flagpole and the objective the gymnasium, where the annual luncheon and business meeting took place.

Seven members of the class of 1891 were in the parade. These Mrs. Ambert G. Moody, East Northfield; Mrs. Ellington Baines Griffiths, New York City; Harriett Broad, Brookline; May Field of Jamaica, N. Y.; Mary Alexander Holton, Northfield; Alice Babb Knowlton, Holden; and Mrs. Annette Brickett Sturgis, New York.

The class of 1896 had six returning, led by vice-president Mrs. Carrie Hoadly Nichols of Florida. The other five-year reunioning classes were represented as follows. Class of 1901 with nine back, led by Lucy S. Curtis, president, of Bridgeport; class of 1906 with three, led by president Vanetta Rickards Betts, Easton, Pa.; class of 1911, with fifteen back, led by reunion chairman Edna Cullen, East Northfield; class of 1916, with eighteen returning, led by Mrs. Cora Quimby Gunn, president, of Sunderland.

The class of 1921 had twelve in the parade, led by the class president, who is also the association president, Rachael Childrey Gross of West Hartford, Ct.; class of 1926 with nine back was led by vice-president Jessie P. Halbert of Meriden, Ct.; class of 1931 with 24 in line, was led by reunion chairman Marjorie Schlotterbeck of New York City. The class of 1936, with 16, was led by reunion chairman Phyllis Howe of Lynn.

At the alumnae luncheon and business meeting President Gross, '21, presided and Mabel Darrah, '29, was secretary. Mary Letz, '41, senior class song leader, led the singing. President William E. Park extended greetings to the returning alumnae.

The Bemis Award of life membership in the alumnae association was awarded by President Gross to Eleanor F. Shedd of North Ferrisburg, Vt., member of the class of '41. Class gifts were acknowledged. The class of 1891 presented a chalk drawing by Robert Strong Woodward in memory of Evelyn S. Hall, former principal. Reports of committees and alumnae officers were heard.

The guest speaker of the luncheon was Evelyn Hersey '15, New York, who spoke on the work of which she is an executive, the American Committee for Christian Refugees. She stated the need of helping the victims of war-torn Europe, especially on the part of those of us who feel the impulse of Christian brotherhood.

Seminary Baccalaureate
"Life is an adventure into the unknown, and when it ceases to be that, it ceases to be life," said President William E. Park, of the Northfield schools, as he addressed the graduating class of the Seminary in the baccalaureate sermon Sunday. Chaplain Harold B. Ingalls presided and the choir sang.

"Most of us are glad that life is an adventure," the speaker said. "If, when we were born, we had been presented in some miraculous manner a little book which outlined the entire course of our lives, giving the details of everything which was going to happen to us until we died, the whole fun of living would disappear. It is the very fact that life is risk and hazard which makes life interesting."

"Most human beings have a passion for adventure, for taking chances on uncertainties, for wagering their lives on something. In this sense we are all gamblers betting for something better to believe in. That is, of course, exactly what Christ did. He literally staked His life to save mankind. Now, if it is true that life is an adventure into the unknown, and human beings are born adventurers, the question we must all face is what kind of adventure are we going to make our lives, what are we willing to take a chance on, for what cause do we risk our lives? It is we who decide what direction we shall go. Even though we are gamblers, we decide the stakes."

"Our lives are to a great extent a matter of making the most of what we were given, and using to the best of our ability all the opportunities that come to us, often purely by chance. Physical appearance and personality and other gifts were given us and we can do little about that, but they are by no means the most important."

"The most important factor is character," Mr. Park stated. "That is something we build ourselves. It is our character that determines whether we make the most or little of our opportunities. Have you ever considered that character is the direct result of religion. In fact, the development of character is the only reason for the existence of organized religion. The foundation of the Christian religion is faith, faith in God and in Jesus Christ. Now, it is the faith that determines character. The whole direction of life is determined by what we believe in. Nobody takes a chance on anything in this life without a certain amount of faith. If what we believe in, then, determines our character, certainly it is true that believing in the highest, we build the finest character."

"How do we acquire this faith? Many cynics think that the way

to acquire faith is by shutting our eyes and drawing a long breath. Well it isn't. Nor does faith come to us primarily thru the intellect. Faith is not a rational concept. Nor is faith something that we inherit. Nor is it a gift from God. Faith is entirely a result of personal experience and will power and experiment. As some one has put it: 'Faith is not believing something despite the consequence.' Faith is a moral adventure in which we live and act as though there were a God, and always find there is one.

"Finally, what does faith do for us? It gives life meaning and purposeful adventure. Faith gives us a feeling that God does have a purpose of good for us if we would but give Him the opportunity to disclose it. It makes us know life even with all its misery and tragedy. Faith gives us courage to face all our failures and sorrows; it gives us a sense of a spiritual presence which is ever ready to comfort us. Yes, 'faith is the victory that overcomes the world.'"



Miss Mira B. Wilson
Seminary Principal

Seminary Commencement

To 148 seniors of the Seminary Principal Mira B. Wilson presented the diplomas. The faculty and seniors marched into the auditorium and a most interesting program of the exercises was carried out. Rev. Mr. Cleland, who had already spoken at Hermon, was introduced, and he said in part:

"He knew a path that wanted walking;
He knew a spring that wanted drinking;
A thought that wanted further thinking;
A love that wanted re-renewing."

"These lines I hope you will remember as you turn away from Northfield to the exciting and perplexing world; a world in which many of the lights that your parents loved have gone out, a world in which many of the broad-casting stations of liberal culture have close down. How are you going to live in that world? What are you going to stand for? Has Northfield seminary, your alma mater, in bearing you, put anything into your blood and brain, into your mind and muscle? Is there any relationship between school and the larger world? You can recall that which Northfield has given you, and that will mean for you both ballast and inspiration."

"I close this address with a statement of the late Sir Henry Jones, professor of moral philosophy at Glasgow university: 'If I were asked to say what period in the life of a man or of a nation is to be called most happy, I should answer, it is when outer circumstances and inner mood conspire together to send them forth upon a great enterprise!' The outer circumstances are here. You must go from Northfield. We are here to bid you goodbye. But the inner mood — have you got that? If you have, you will go with God."

Hermon Class Day

Class day exercises for the seniors of Mt. Hermon school were held outdoors on the lawn near West hall, Saturday afternoon before a large audience. The first part of the program consisted of speeches by members of the graduating class under the supervision of President Frank Gifford.

The first speaker was the salutatorian, William W. Mendelhall,

Tax Rate Is Known And We Must Pay It Highest Rate Record

The tax rate for Northfield for the year 1941 will be \$38 per \$1000 of valuation, according to an announcement made by the assessors. For some time, members of the board have studied the situation, and after checking up the probable income from local taxation, the income from the state on the various accounts, the expenditures determined by the interest on debt, the appropriations made at the annual town meeting, the special town meeting and fixed liabilities, it was found necessary to establish the rate at \$38. This is an increase of four dollars over the rate for 1940 and is said to be the highest rate ever assessed in Northfield. The amount of increase ranks with the highest announced in the county and some 16 towns have already made known their rates. Already much comment is heard from our citizens, but there is no use in "passing the buck" for the responsibility belongs to our taxpayers, who fail to attend town meetings or do attend and join in approving too liberal appropriations. This is no time for a protest. This week New Salem announces its rate as \$33.60, a reduction of 81 cents; Shelburne's tax rate will be \$24 the same as last year; and Bernardston increases its rate \$4.50 to \$27.50. Thus far Gill has the lowest tax rate in the county which is \$18.

Jr., followed by the reading of the class prophecy by W. Peter Burrows. The class will read by Warren M. Doolittle and William F. O'Brien. Robert D. Kirk read the class poem, and Frank Gifford gave the president's address. The closing speech was made by the valedictorian, Robert J. Horn, Jr. Then followed the awarding of prizes.

Hermon Baccalaureate

The seniors of Mount Hermon school heard their headmaster, Dr. David R. Porter in their baccalaureate exercises Sunday morning. Dr. Porter said in part:

"What authentic leads does religion give us at a time like this? After several historical references to other dark periods of the race and the nation and illustrations of the hope and endurance that lead men through sacrifice for the common good, Dr. Porter suggested certain specific courses of action each graduate might well follow."

"We must study. As those already privileged to continue to be students while millions of others cannot, we owe them an obligation to study hard and persistently. There are tasks mountain-high if we are not only to thwart sinister plans but to help make a co-operative world. Whether we are called for military training and duty or not, we will all be needed to help make a co-operative federal world."

"We shall need vastly greater spiritual resources. We want personal courage, high-heartedness, readiness to pay prices for high values and great national causes. We want to help win our nation to surrender pride and something of national sovereignty. We see the struggle to help win a more generally equitable economic order and to restrict the acquisitive impulse which has both made progress (in the pioneering days) and also created suspicion and disunion. Our training in the Hermon work program and simplicity of life should enable us to help others see that a lower standard of living is not necessarily a catastrophe. When we consider the high prices which will have to be paid to build up international justice and peace we shall need greater resources of the spirit. In this church, education which is truly religious, lives dedicated to personal prayer, group worship, and fellowship are indispensable. These things are among the specific challenges that come to all of us for the days and trying months ahead."

Hermon Commencement

Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster, presented the diplomas and was assisted by Nelson A. Jackson director of scholarship, and by Orville Mirtz, class teacher. This ceremony formed the climax of the program, which was ushered in by the solemn entrance of the seniors in their caps, gowns and tassels.

President Park said the invocation and read the scriptures, and the choir sang "Laudamus," Charles S. Hall, chairman of the student council, gave the tradi-

New Superintendent Chosen For District Has A Fine Record

At a meeting of the School Union, No. 23, including Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Leyden and Warwick at Mount Hermon, last Monday evening, Robert N. Taylor of North Easton, was elected as successor to Linville W. Robbins as superintendent whose resignation had previously been accepted.

Mr. Taylor graduated from Mount Hermon with honors in 1920; from Northeastern university in 1924, and received his Master of Education degree in administration from Harvard in 1934. He is forty-one years of age, married and has two daughters, aged twelve and ten years. Mrs. Taylor is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Taylor has had 17 years of teaching and administrative ex-



perience at present being Administrative Submaster and head of the science department of the Oliver-Ames Junior-Senior high school at North Easton, a six-year school of 550 pupils and 21 teachers. Mr. Taylor has also made independent studies in remedial reading and corrective arithmetic from the first grade through high school, has spent much time in school finances, and school transportation problems, and has made an industrial survey of his community to better adjust the school curriculum to meet the requirements of a rapidly changing society.

Mr. Taylor is much interested in physical education and athletics and will come to this community highly recommended and having a fine record behind him.

tional spade oration. Robert Kaland, president of the class of '42 accepted for the incoming senior class. Prof. Cleland in his address said in part:

"Three words from one of the stories in the book of Judges form the subject of this commencement address: 'Faint yet pursuing.' The quality suggested there I commend you: Perseverance of the 'grace of grit.' Grit may be defined as that hard, enduring something we get down to when the strain comes. It is easy when the first freshness has worn off, when the pull comes, that grit begins



Dr. David R. Porter
Hermon Headmaster

to show. Then it is that men are noticed, because they can be 'faint yet pursuing.' Life is one continual record of perseverance. We know that from the annals of history, from the records of invention, and from the pages of religion. Into that struggle for existence, where the survival of the fittest is becoming a meaningful phrase once again, you must now go. It is a pilgrim's progress not a summer picnic that lies ahead of you."

"What motivations can you carry with you that will give some joy to your discipline, and uplift

Schools Benefactor Passes In Death Forms Foundation

The death on June 5 of Arthur Curtiss James of New York, railroad industrialist and philanthropist, recalls the interest shown by Mr. James and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Willis James in the Northfield Schools. Although but one building bears the family name, The James Memorial Gymnasium at Mount Hermon, many large gifts were made through the years and the son continued his generosity until his death.

Among the many James gifts were funds to reconstruct Crossley hall which was destroyed by fire in 1909 and to renovate Marquand and East halls at the Seminary during the same period. One of the first gifts of the younger James was the Mount Hermon central heating and lighting system. It has been said of Mr. James that he had a genius for unobtrusiveness and his gifts to Northfield seem to bear out this statement. While he did not specifically forbid publicity he did not welcome it.

Mr. James inherited the bulk of his father's fortune, estimated at \$26,000,000 in 1907. He became through careful and skillful management of this estate the largest single holder of railroad securities in the United States and one of the twelve richest men in the country. His will established the James Foundation through which the greater part of his fortune will be distributed to philanthropic projects.

Bridge To Be Rebuilt At Montague City

The Montague City bridge is to be rebuilt and will be located on the site of the old wooden span, which was destroyed in the flood of March 1936. Plans have already been prepared by the state department of public works and most of the money needed has been provided. Allotments are made upon Greenfield and Montague, a portion from the county, while the bulk is met by the state. The new bridge will be placed on the piers of the old bridge and will be a superstructure of steel with concrete deck and sidewalks with handrails. Motorists traveling south from Northfield and using the Gill road, will find the route again to be very attractive, in avoiding the congestion through Greenfield.

to the forced march? I would suggest three.

"First, a sense of humor. This is not the ability to tell a funny story. It is not even the ability to tell a funny story funny. It is the capacity to laugh at yourself even when you are being hurt. It is the quality of the ordinary man in England. In it is purification, because it eradicates hate and ambition."

"Second, a belief in the rightness of one's cause. If one has an esprit de corps, something worthy to be loyal to, then perseverance follows. So choose causes that are worthy of you and of your heritage, worthy of the tradition of this school."

"And thirdly, an assurance of God. This is where religion enters the picture. This is where one gains the confidence that all must be well even though the outcome is not known, because the chosen way has the backing of God."

The Concert

The secular concert of the Hermon a capella choir, the Seminary Estey chorus and the combined glee clubs was held in the auditorium Saturday evening before an enthusiastic audience of parents, students, and friends. Melvin L. Gallagher conducted.

Among the selections were two choruses from Handel's "L'Allegro," Wagner's "Awake! Draws Nigh the Break of Day"; "Cobler's Jig," "O, Little Star," "Triton's Song," "Orpheus with the Lute," Brahms "Voice of Spring," "An Evening Pastoral," "Onward Ye Peoples," "At My Father's Door," "Somersetshire" and "Annie, the Miller's Daughter."

Local Graduates

Young men of this town who graduated from Mount Hermon are Richard D. Birdsall, Richard O. Bolton, Courtland E. Dunklee, and Carlton K. Finch.

Young women from this town to graduate from the Seminary include: Camilla Rikert, Beverly Potts, Pauline A. Spencer, June M. Bolton, Ruth E. Spaulding, Lillian F. Dawe, Dora-Ann Davis, and Helen L. Savcheff.

Promotion Exercises For 8th Grade Pupils Held Wednesday Eve

The promotion exercises of the eighth grade of the local public school was held in the town hall Wednesday evening, which was well filled with the parents and friends of the pupils. Principal Walter Harding presided and the program was as follows: Processional; Invocation, Rev. Dr. George Bronson; President's Welcome, Arlene Finch; America's Heritage of Song" by pupils of the school; Awarding of penmanship certificates, Principal Harding; Class song, by those promoted; The presentation of promotion certificates by Supt. L. W. Robbins; Singing of God Bless America and the Star-Spangled Banner, by the audience, followed by the recessional. The president of the class is Arlene Finch; vice-president, Shirley Purrington; secretary, June Cota; treasurer, Neil Churchill.

Other members of the class are Elizabeth Browning, Ruth Dawe, Charles Dresser, Natalie Dresser, Dominick Duda, Paul Gorzocowski, Lee Hammond, Helen Howard, Janet James, Rua Jones, Ernest Kenney, Helen Kozlowski, Norma Leach, Stanley Mankowsky, Katharin Moody, George Phelps, Carroll Rich, John Rikert, William Shattuck, Josephine Sliwa, Phebe Stacy, Carl Stone, Elsie Wing and Marion Zabko.

Given House Welcome

The Deland (Florida) Sun News, in its issue of May 29 gives an interesting account, in its Glenwood news section of a "pleasant surprise" given to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg, at their home, by a large group of friends and neighbors. An outdoor supper was served and the opportunity gave many residents to become acquainted with one another. Glenwood is extending a real welcome to all newcomers and wants them all to have a part in the building of a better and greater community. The Kelloggs are making improvements to the property which they have recently purchased for a permanent home.

Class For First-Aid

The committee for public safety of Northfield is sponsoring a series of classes in first aid, to be held in the town hall an evening each week. George Billings of the Greenfield first department, who is well known through the county as an able instructor of first aid, will conduct the classes. All townspeople are urged to attend these meetings which will cover instruction in all phases of first aid for application in everyday life as well as in times of national emergency.

All of those wishing to enroll are cordially invited to enter their names at town hall on Tuesday evening between 7:30 and 9. Mr. Billings will outline briefly the course of instruction at that time and give detailed information.

McGee-Foster Wedding

The marriage of Miss Anne E. Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Foster, formerly of Northfield, to Bruce C. McGee of Chicago, was an event of Saturday, May 31 at the Second Baptist church in Holyoke. Her attendants at the wedding were her two sisters, Lucile as maid of honor, and Emily as bridesmaid.

Mrs. McGee was a summer employee in the Bookstore for several years. Since her graduation from Hartford seminary in 1939 she has held a position with the Holyoke Children's Aid association. Mr. McGee is an accountant in the Montgomery Ward office in Chicago. The couple will make their home in Chicago.

Names Beneficiaries

The will of the late Dr. Elliott Wilber Brown of this town has been filed with the probate court and the First Congregational church of Holyoke is to receive \$200 for its benevolent fund.

Other bequests in the sum of \$1,000 each to Annie W. Coe, Arthur J. Brown, Jr., and Elliott R. Brown. Other beneficiaries include Arthur J. Brown \$500, Claire W. Pound \$500, Dorothy W. Claibough \$100, Bessie W. Brown \$100, and John H. Woolcott \$100. Any remainder goes to Elliott R. Brown. Annie W. Coe is named executrix in the will, which was executed Jan. 16. Dr. Brown died May 26.

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TOWN TOPICS

An examination is to be held by the U. S. Civil Service commission for the office of postmaster of the South Vernon post office and applications will close on June 27. The office belongs to the fourth class and date of the examination will be given to those writing to the commission at Washington.

Conn. Valley Pomona Grange met in Greenfield Wednesday evening at Guiding Star Grange hall. The Franklin-Worcester Pomona Grange were guests. Mrs. Dorothy Miller of this town represented the guests in a response to the welcome address of the Master. There was a supper and an address by Roland H. Verbeck of State college. Several from Northfield attended.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer of Main street will entertain the members of the Ashuelot chapter of the D. A. R. at a luncheon at the Northfield hotel on Saturday.

Ross L. Spencer, Jr., concluded his studies at the Bement school at Deerfield in the graduation ceremonies held last week Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Bardwell of Main street, who spent the winter months in Brookline has reopened her home for the summer. Her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Swan of Newton is at present with her.

Miss Emma E. Woodward of North Attleboro will spend the summer at her cottage in the Highlands and arrived this week.

Local friends of the summer theatre will be pleased to learn that the Keene Summer theatre will continue and that it plans to present the first production of the summer season on Monday, June 30. The play will be "Charlie's Aunt" and Freeman Hammond will be director.

Mrs. Harry Hutton, a sister of Ambert G. Moody was a visitor in town during the commencement period.

Mrs. Wallace Chesbro has opened her summer home "El-stow" on the Ridge.

Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella of Springfield is at her cottage on the Ridge for the summer.

Miss Rena A. Decatur of Peabody, spent several days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Slate. Miss Decatur taught at No. 3 school from 1911 to 1913 and while here attended the farewell exercises held at the school and called on friends and former pupils.

Ripley Bros. have been very busy recently filling large orders for their rugs from nearby large department stores.

Charles Leach has been taken to the Farren Memorial hospital for medical attention. His many friends hope for an early recovery.

Children's day was observed in the Unitarian church last Sunday, when several children were baptized. The minister, Rev. R. H. Palmer, conducted the worship.

Verne Fletcher of Worcester is spending the summer at the home of Mrs. A. F. Bennett at Northfield Farms.

Pupils of the eighth grade held their class night, Monday evening at the town hall, followed by recreation and serving of refreshments.

The extension of the rural mail route, southward from the South Vernon post office takes in many more residents on the west side, who must now address their mail to South Vernon instead of Northfield. Some appreciate the new arrangement, while others protest and call for their mail at the Northfield post office.

After three days of very high winds, this week and coolness we are promised fair and warmer weather. For nearly an hour on Tuesday, the community lacked electricity due to falling limbs from trees. There's always something.

Some Little Thing to Love

Sometimes I wonder how people can live Without the glad friendship that animals give. Some little thing, no matter how small, To love you is better than nothing at all. Some little kitten, a stray, humble thing, Or some little bird with a droop to its wing; Some little something no matter how small— Isn't it better than nothing at all?

Feed the lame bird and then bind up its wing— Soon it will perch on your finger and sing! Tuck the starved kitten up under your chin— Hear it purr "Thank you" for letting it in! So many tables and so many scraps; So many timid paws begging for laps! Some little something, no matter how small— Isn't it better than nothing at all?

—Phyllis Fortune

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Love is only half a story—told in passing by;

Love is gold so delicate the faintest flame would melt it.

Love's nothing; but — God help the man who's never known or felt it!

—Author Unknown

West Northfield and South Vernon

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Newton of Fitchburg and Mrs. Chester Newton of Westminster, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Streeter's Monday and attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Henry Barton in Riverside.

Graduation exercises of the Vernon grammar schools were held at the Grange hall last Friday evening.

Miss Fanny Haseltine of Chester, Vt., will be the speaker at the morning service of the South Vernon church next Sunday at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. Rev. Judson Stent of Westminster, Vt., will speak to the Loyal Workers at 6:30. The Young Peoples societies of the Baptist and United churches in Bernardston will attend. The Bernardston Christian Endeavor society will conduct the evening service at 7:30. The mid-week prayer meeting will be held at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Leavitt are enjoying a two-weeks' vacation at their cottage at Alton Bay, N. H. Their sister, Mrs. Nellie Stockwell, went to her daughter's home in Concord for a visit while they are away.

Marjorie Tyler is at her home after graduating from the Castleton (Vt.) Normal school last weekend.

Arthur Jackson, a railroad employee for more than 50 years, enjoyed his 80th birthday last week Thursday, when friends called to extend their well wishes.

E. S. Bralley of the Vernon home is improving considerably in health and is now able to get about on crutches.

Mrs. Mary Johnson of Amherst who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Julia Ennis, has returned to her home.

Joseph Weston of Belleville, N. J., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Holton.

Mrs. Eva Smith, who has been quite ill, is reported as about again and much better.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange, Jr., of the old Vernon road, at the Franklin county hospital on Tuesday, June 10.

Seniors To Graduate Next Wednesday Eve

At the town hall next Wednesday evening, the seniors of the high school will be graduated in exercises with a most interesting program, to which the public are invited. The program has already been published in the Press. The graduation address will be delivered by Heslip E. Sutherland of Quincy. The diplomas will be presented by Supt. L. W. Robbins and will mark his final official function in connection with our schools.

Congregational Church

Sunday school will be omitted. Children's Sunday will be observed in place of the regular church service at 11. Members of the Sunday school will enact the pageant "Adventuring with Jesus" and will add other exercises to the program. There will be an opportunity for children to be baptized. Christian Endeavor at 7, with Verne Fletcher as the guest speaker. The church congregation is invited to this service.

Monday at three the Sunday school lawn party will be held on the church lawn. See notice elsewhere in this issue.

Thursday at 7:15, mid-week prayer meeting. This will be the final meeting of the summer.

Uphill

Does the road wind uphill all the way?

Yes, to the very end.

Will the day's journey take the whole long day?

From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting place?

A roof for when the slow, dark hours begin.

May not the darkness hide it from my face?

You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?

Those who have gone before.

Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?

They will not keep you waiting at that door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?

Of labor you shall find the sum.

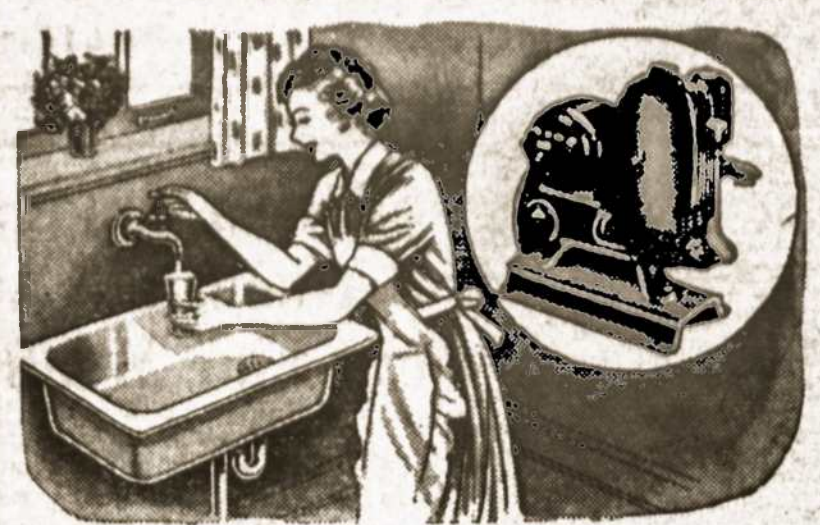
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?

Yes, beds for all who come.

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The final meeting for this season of the 12th Lodge of Instruction of the Masonic fraternity will meet with Mountain Lodge of Shelburne Falls, on Tuesday, June 24 when there will be an election and installation of officers.

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2. Thermometers began to make their appearance in English hospitals about the time of our Civil War. They were about 10 inches long, so large in fact that it took five minutes to register temperature in the armpit. Sir Lauder Brunton relates they were so clumsy that one carried them "like a gun." Sir Clifford Allbutt invented the modern pocket thermometer in 1868.
3. No. Contortionists, or persons spoken of as having double joints, merely have long ligaments holding the ends of the bones together, which allow a greater freedom of action.

Native strawberries, sold in the market are reasonable and delicious. Growers report a fine crop with little help available for picking.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith as directors of the Youth Hostel school at Meredith, N. H. attended the graduation exercises there this week Thursday.

Monroe Smith will attend a round table discussion on youth matters at the International House in New York City today.

The Womens Alliance of the Unitarian church met at the home of Mrs. J. V. McNeil Thursday afternoon.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Helen Gethman of the faculty of the Seminary, with her daughter, left on Monday for a trip to California by motor. They will spend the summer at San Diego.

Mrs. L. L. Moody of Weston cottage will spend the summer at her home in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Doremus have been enjoying their cottage on Rustic Ridge for the past two weeks.

Miss Martha C. Strippel of Kew Gardens, N. Y., is at her cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer.

Miss Martha E. Bollermann of Bayside, L. I. arrived in town today to remain during the summer season at her cottage on the Ridge.

The Protestant Episcopal church through its presiding bishop is making a census of all Episcopalians in the country. Mrs. J. K. Turner of St. James parish of Greenfield has been listing all members of the church in Northfield.

A preliminary announcement to the Press, states that the third presentation of Denmans Thompsons famous New England play, "The Old Homestead," will be given at Swanzey, N. H., July 11, 12, and 13.

The Northfield Hotel did a capacity business over last weekend and private homes and inns were filled with guests. The hotel dining room cared for about 375 guests at dinner.

The office of Dr. Allen H. Wright on Main street will be closed each Friday after 12 noon, during the summer season.

Miss E. Lucile Foster, R. N., formerly of Northfield, has recently accepted a position in the New England Baptist hospital in Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. DesJardins of Passaic, N. J. and family have arrived to occupy their cottage on Rustic Ridge.

Leverett Candee of Boston was a visitor in town over the commencement period. He greeted many friends during his stay here.

Another popular supper will be served by the Ladies' Circle of the Vernon Union church on Wednesday evening at 5:30, June 18.

The 1941 annual reunion of the Holton Family association will be held at the Northfield hotel on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. David Elkinton of the Youth Hostel have an apartment in Valley Vista annex at the corner of Main and Pine street.

Mrs. Lee Sheldon of Birnam road, who visited her mother, Mrs. Walter Smith of Chichester, N. H. with her children, has returned home.

Miss Hazel Tenney of Northfield Farms, is home from her studies at State college and will assist at Sunset Farm during the summer.

A group of ten Girl Scouts from Springfield visited the Youth Hostel this week and biked over to the hotel at Winchester for a stay before returning home.

The rain of last week was much appreciated by our residents but the strong west winds of this week have again dried up the moisture, raised clouds of dust and damaged many trees. There was also a noticeable drop in the temperatures.

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Mrs. Ruth Bigelow of York Beach, Me., visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Bigelow of Maple St., last week. She is a sister of Mr. Bigelow.

The many friends of Mrs. J. V. McNeil of Maple street are pleased to learn that she is about again, after her recent illness.

Miss Fanny C. Hatch, who has been with her sister in Florida during the winter months, returned to Springfield and leaves for Lac Morais, Province Quebec, in Canada for the summer.

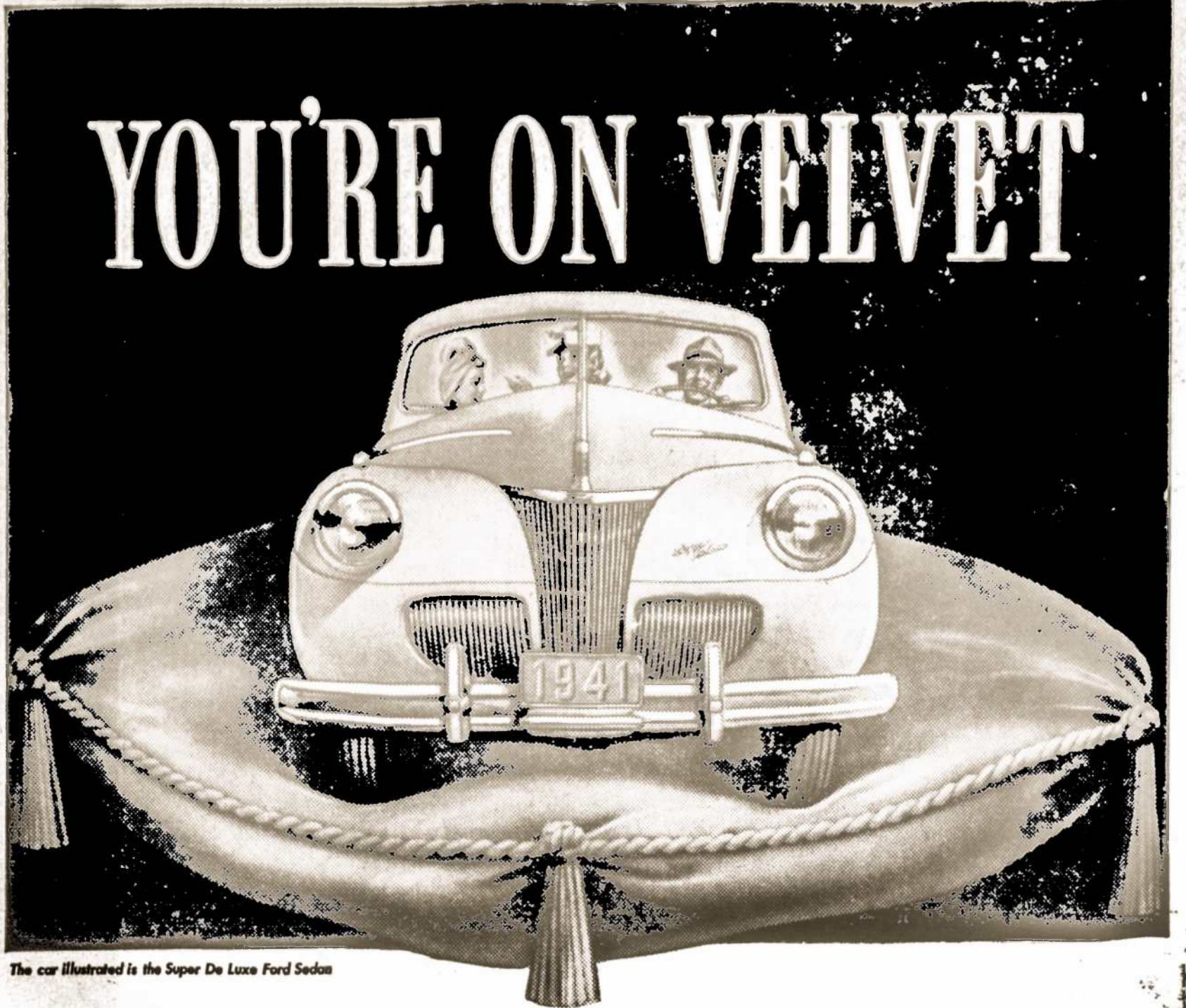
Marion Moody has sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard, a lot on the north side of North Lane, according to a transfer at the registry.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. DuBreuil have returned from their wedding trip and are at their home "Covert Cabin" off Myrtle street.

Tomorrow, Saturday, is Flag Day, and we urge every patriotic citizen to display the flag from his home or place of business. Fly "Old Glory" to the breeze.

Mrs. Nellie Handy of Main St., entertained the June meeting of the Ladies Benevolent society of the Congregational church of Troy, N. H. at her home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Yard of Glendale, Calif., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Barr this week, while enroute to spend the summer on Cape Cod.



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Pastor Returns Home

After suffering a severe illness, Rev. Benjamin F. White, pastor of the South Vernon Advent church, has returned to his home from the Farren Memorial hospital. He is continuing to improve in health but still unable to attend to his duties, and can see only a limited number of visitors each day. Much of the church work is being done by his wife, Mrs. White. Friends unite in wishing Mr. White an early and speedy return to health.

Graduates At Tech

John Putnam Webber, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Webber, of Amherst, and former residents of this town, was awarded the degree of Master of Science in the field of meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at its commencement on Tuesday. Mr. Webber has been retained as a research assistant in the meteorological laboratory at Tech, where he will train a large class of air corps cadets of the United States Army. He will reside at Graduate house in Cambridge.

He: It's a funny thing, but whenever I dance with you the dances seem very short.

She: They are. My fiancé is the leader of the orchestra.

She: What's the difference between an English girl and an America girl?

He: I dunno.
She: The Atlantic ocean, of course.

Dumb: Do you put your summer clothes away in camphor balls to keep the moths away?
Bell: No; I usually put them up with three gold balls to keep the wolf away.

Dumb: I'm not going to school any more.
Dora: Why not?
Dumb: I can't learn anything. The teachers keep changing the lessons every day.

Policeman: Now, miss, what gear were you in at the time of the accident?
Sophisticate: Oh, I had on a blue woollen sports coat, fur cap, gauntlet gloves and tan shoes.

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EDITORIAL

LABOR

Certain labor leaders in the United States today set themselves and their demands above the welfare and safety of the nation.

To enforce their demands, whatever they happen to be, they do not hesitate to imperil the lives, not only of the workers themselves, but of every man, woman and child in our country. Standing behind the cloak of freedom which they enjoy in this land, they are deliberately pursuing a course which may well destroy that freedom, and destroy with it the labor movement they profess to love.

They dictate to government as well as to industry and the worker. There is only one force that can control them—public opinion, which eventually controls government. The welfare of the public is today threatened on all sides by rule or ruin labor leadership.

OPINION

One of the most important editorial policy switches in recent years occurred recently when The Saturday Evening Post decided to abandon its isolationist position and accept the view that this war is of vital interest to the United States. Though it did not retract its former statements and made no secret of its dislike for the present situation, the national periodical made it clear that both the honor and security of the United States are at stake.

The importance of this change of policy lies in the fact that the representative magazine of conservative isolationism believes that national honor is worth fighting for.

To Give Them Rides In Airplane Here

Monroe Smith, director of the Youth Hostels, expects to leave for South America the last of this month, but before going, he is devoting this Saturday afternoon, to giving friends a ride in his airplane. If the weather is favorable he will take off down in the meadow beyond the railroad tracks behind the high school. Many of our young boys and girls have urged him to give them the unusual experience of an excursion in the air, but before taking such a ride, they must have written approval of their parents if under 21 years of age. There is quite an interest in the event.

Back From Japan

Russell and Helen Durgin, who have been with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin in Japan for many months, arrived in Northfield at the home of their grandparents this week, but left almost immediately for Columbia, S. C. where they will attend the wedding of their brother, Lawrence Durgin to Miss Eunice B. King next Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Durgin, Sr., will remain in Japan where Mr. Durgin is engaged in YMCA work.

The Victoria Theatre

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Fri.-Sat., June 13-14, "Western Union" with Robert Young and Virginia Gilmore; also, "Father's Son" with John Litel and Billy Dawson.

Sun. thru Tues., June 15-17, "The Sea Wolf" with Edward G. Robinson, being Jack London's great adventure; also, "Pop Always Pays."

NORTHFIELD

Summer Conferences

1941 Schedule

June 24-July 2—Girls' Conference at Northfield
July 7-15—Missionary Conference at Northfield
July 12-19—United Presbyterian Conference at Mt. Hermon
July 15-25—Religious Education Conf. at Northfield
July 21-August 11—Westminster Choir College at Mt. Hermon
July 28-August 2—Mass. C. E. Conf. at Northfield
August 2-18—Northfield General Conf. at Northfield

Bequest of \$100,000 To Northfield Schools

The late Henry Ellsworth Gregory, retired New York attorney has bequeathed a probable sum of \$100,000 to the Northfield schools. The bequest, representing one quarter of residual estate, will be paid at expiration of life estates for benefit of three sisters and a friend of testator. The sisters, Misses Bertha Gregory of New York, Fanny K. Gregory and Isabel M. Gregory, both of Greenwich, Ct., are left one quarter of residue each in trust and equal shares in personal property. Helen H. Williams of Englewood, N. J. will receive income from the trust of one quarter of the residue for life.

Other chief beneficiaries at expiration of life trusts are American Museum of Natural History, Columbia university and St. Bartholomew church, New York.

Mr. Gregory died Jan. 23, 1937, at the age of 79. A member of an old New York family. His estate has been appraised at \$693,459 net by the New York transfer tax department.

Presbyterians Here

About 150 representatives of the Womens Synodical society of the Presbyterian churches of New England, gathered at the Chateau of the Northfield hotel for three days this week in their 20th annual meeting. Dr. William C. Lamont of Philadelphia of the Board of Christian Education was the leader for the various sessions, which considered largely the present "world order." The society interests itself largely in the work of missions of the church and those attending were the local leaders of the cause in their respective churches.

With The Grange

Members of the Northfield Grange gathered at their hall on Tuesday evening for their scheduled session and to enjoy a play presented by the dramatic committee. The play was most entertaining. The Grange voted to accept an invitation to neighbor with Guiding Star Grange in Greenfield next Tuesday evening.

More Local Graduates

Commencement exercises at Green Mountain college were held last weekend. Included among the graduates were Miss Lois Piper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Piper, of Mount Hermon, and Miss Lucille Bolton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Bolton of West Northfield.

Miss Piper received the degree of Associate in Arts. During the past two years at Green Mountain college, she has been prominent in the social life on the campus and has been connected with the Psychology club, Women's Athletic association, and Outing club.

Miss Bolton also received the degree of Associate in Arts. She has also been prominent in the social activities and has been connected with the Outing club and dramatics club.

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Matrons and Patrons night was observed by the local chapter of the Eastern Star in Masonic hall on Wednesday evening. Many guests were present from neighboring chapters and a reception was accorded to them in the lodge hall at 5 o'clock after which a bountiful supper was served. The evening session was held at eight o'clock and the work conducted according to the ritual of the order.

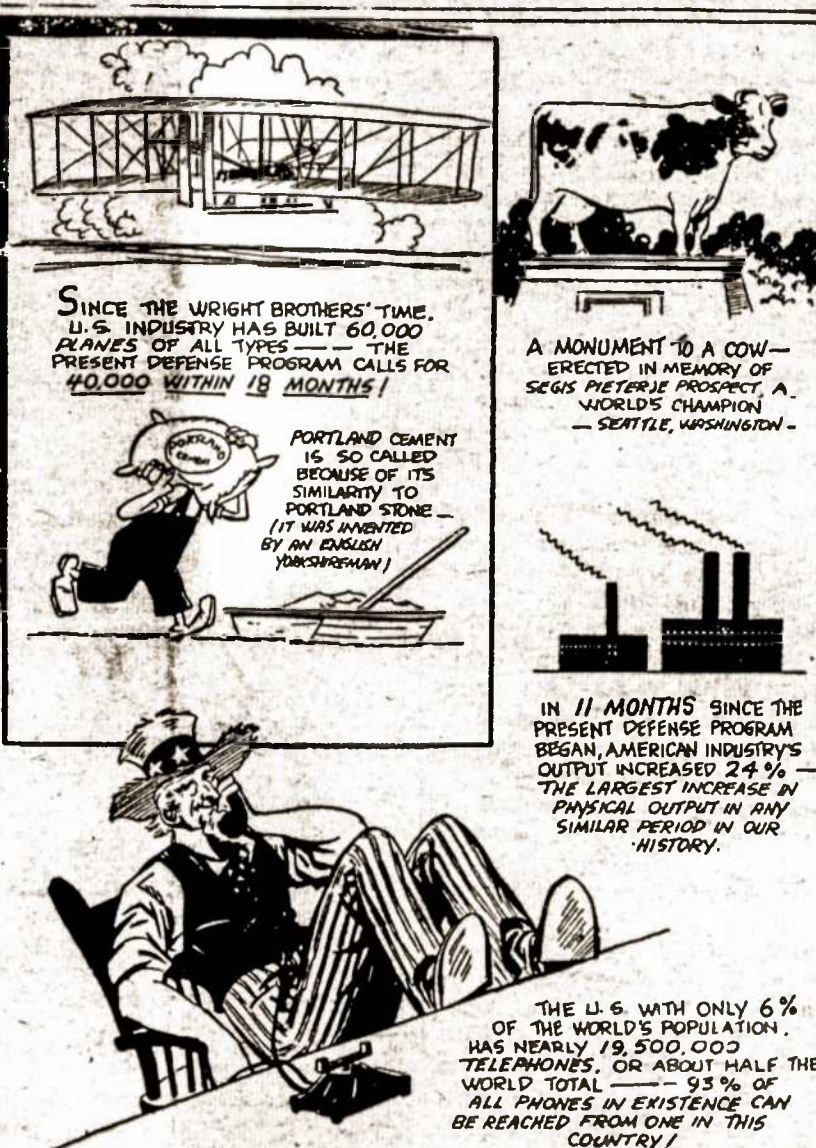
A Middlebury Graduate

Robert L. deVeer of this town, will graduate next Monday from Middlebury college, and is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree. deVeer is a graduate of Mt. Hermon school and has majored in drama at Middlebury. Over a thousand persons are expected to attend the commencement festivities this year. President Paul D. Moody will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning and the commencement address on Monday will be by Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to the United States.

Buy Your Coal Now

From the office of the state Public Safety committee in Boston, comes the admonition to all citizens, to buy their next winter's supply of coal now. Mr. Higginson the director of service and supplies says, "every man who can should fill up now, if possible for a year, and stretch a point or a dozen points to do it." Buy your coal and keep as a reserve against the time when it might be very difficult to obtain it. There may be a shortage when the weather is coldest and you will be glad to have it on hand.

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